

NTEA COMMERCIAL VEHICLE UPFITTING SUMMIT

Optimizing PTO Selection for Modern Vocational Trucks

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Introductions



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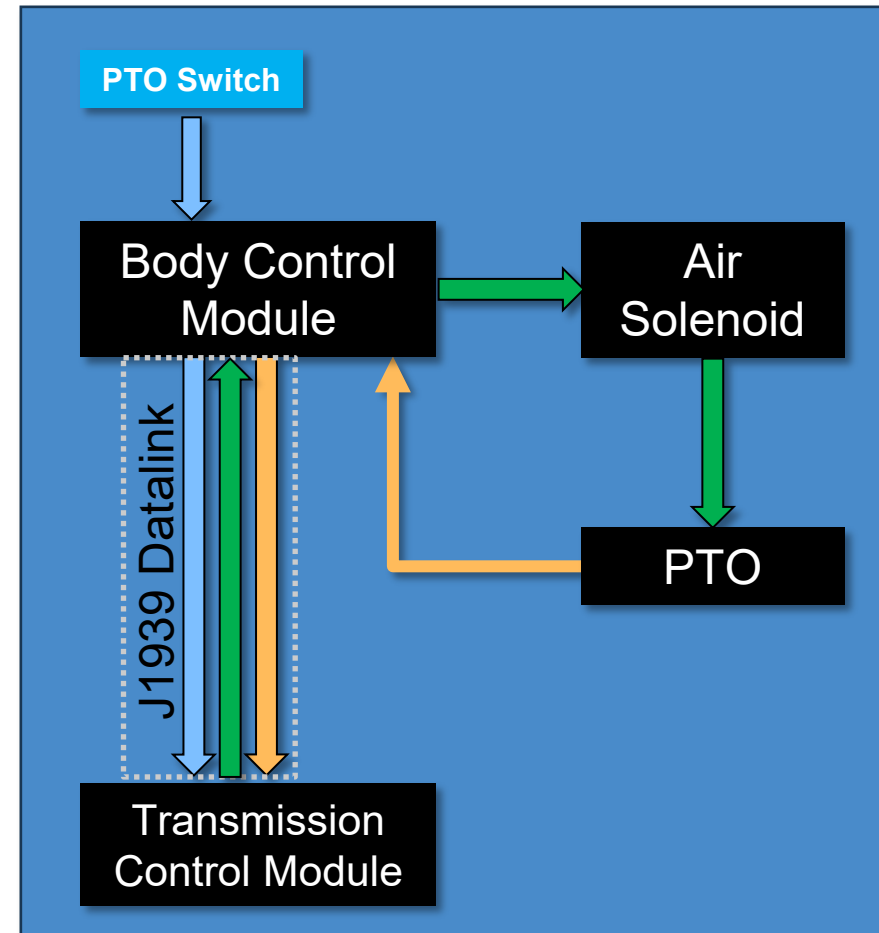
Powertrain Considerations

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Know Your Electrical Integration

Multiplexed Factory Wiring

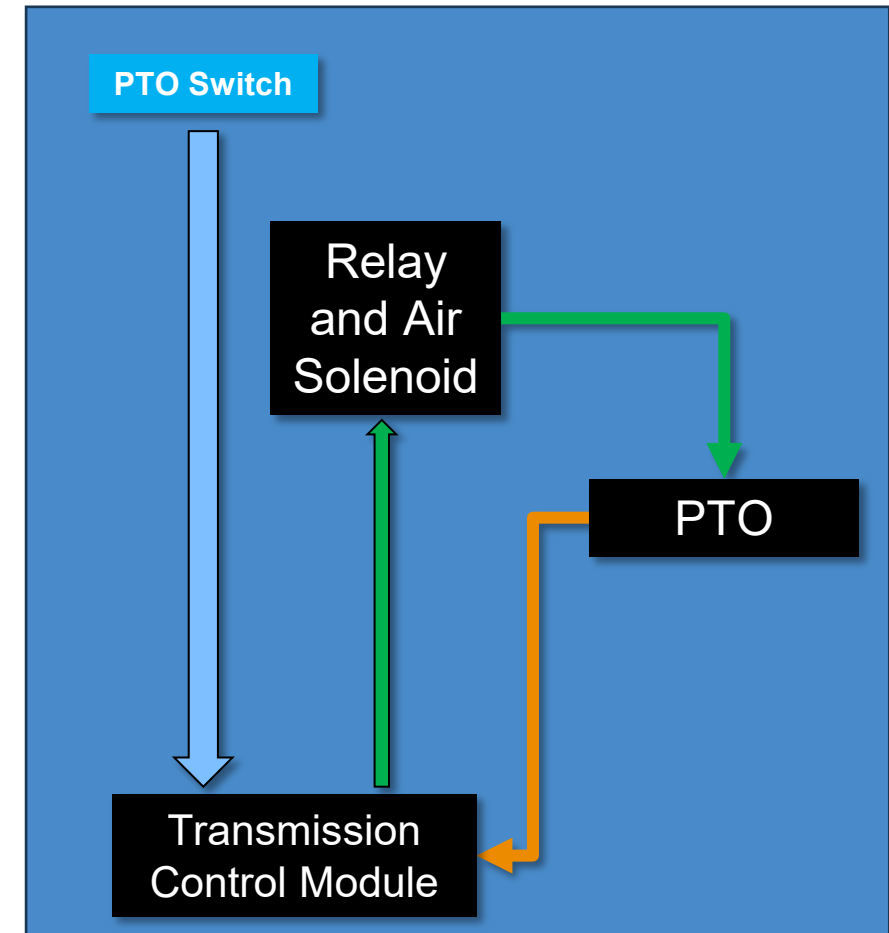
- Preferred option.
- Talk to dealer: Many option codes for switch and electrical prep.
- **Pro:** Cab ECU's will get needed J1939 signals to other components .
- **Pro:** Gains access to interlock features and logic configurations offered by the OEM.
- **Con:** Requires foresight at the time the truck is ordered.
- **Con:** Custom integrations can be a challenge.



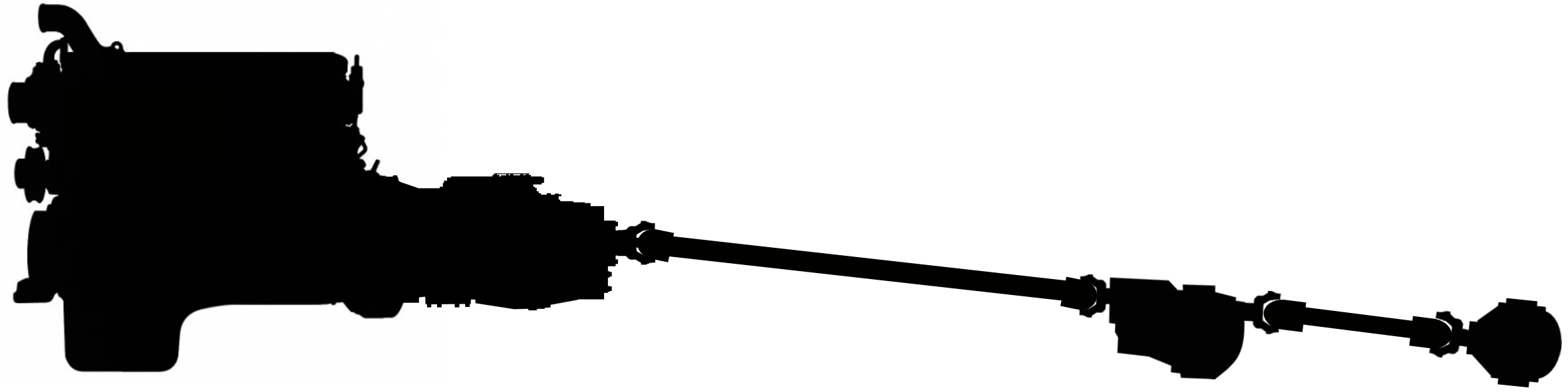
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Direct to Transmission

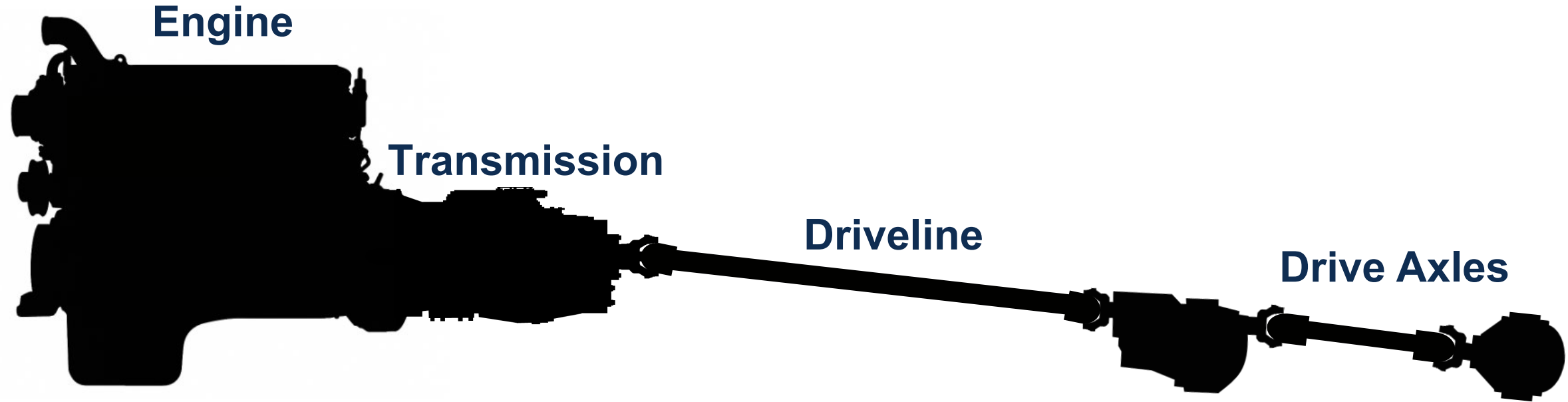
- Use when chassis built without OEM option. (stock trucks or 2nd owner)
- Use when integration needs exceed what is offered by OEM.
- **Pro:** Custom integrations possible such as out-of-cab controls and complex interlocks.
- **Con:** It is a choose your own adventure: wiring, relays, controls responsibility of upfitter.
- **Con:** Not possible with all make/model transmissions.



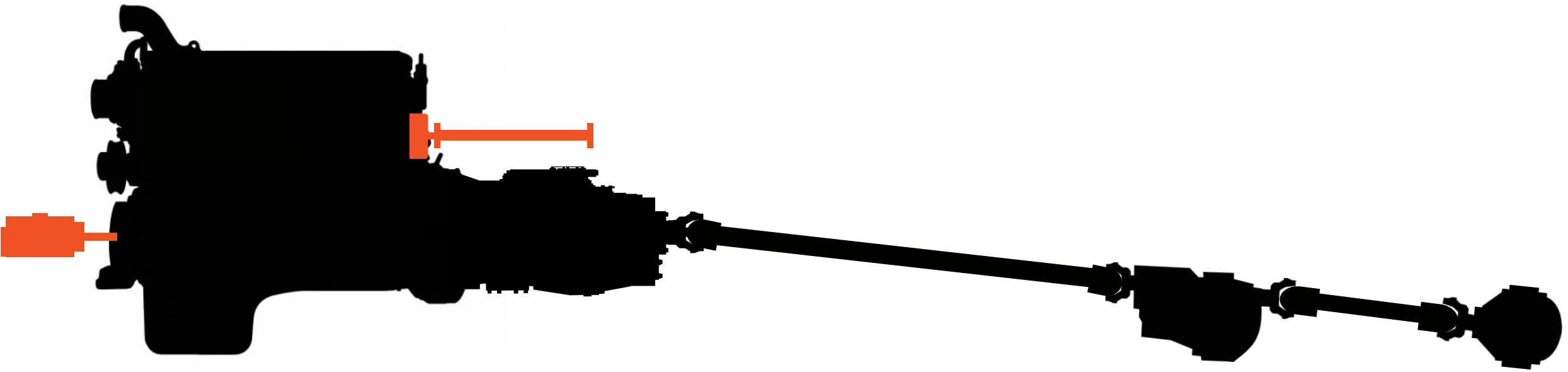
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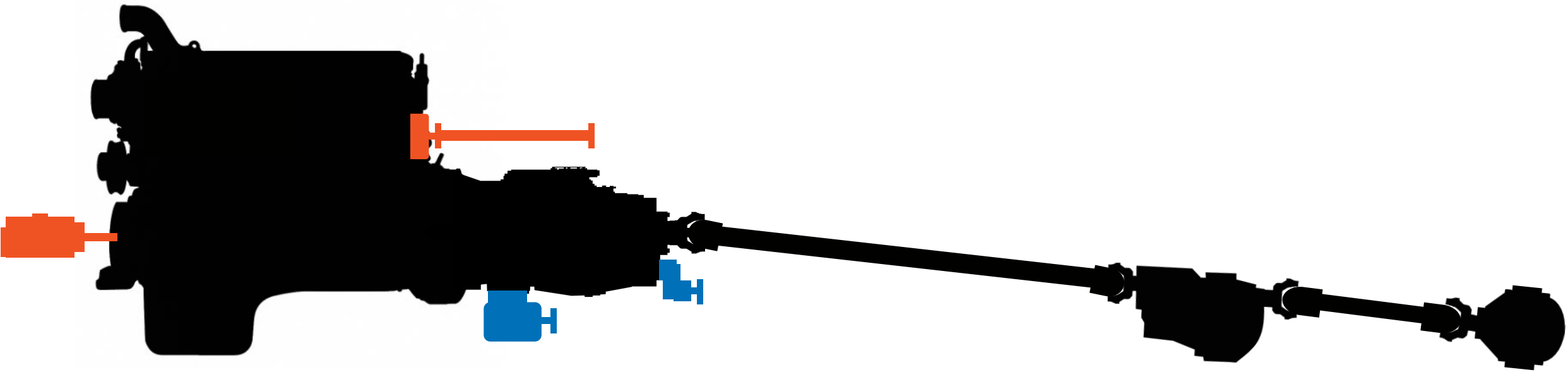


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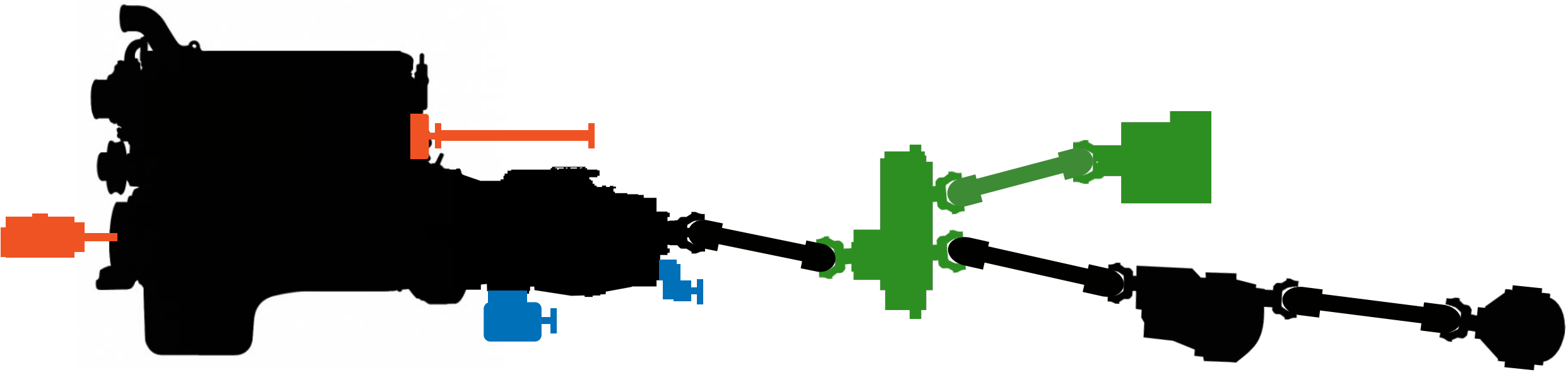
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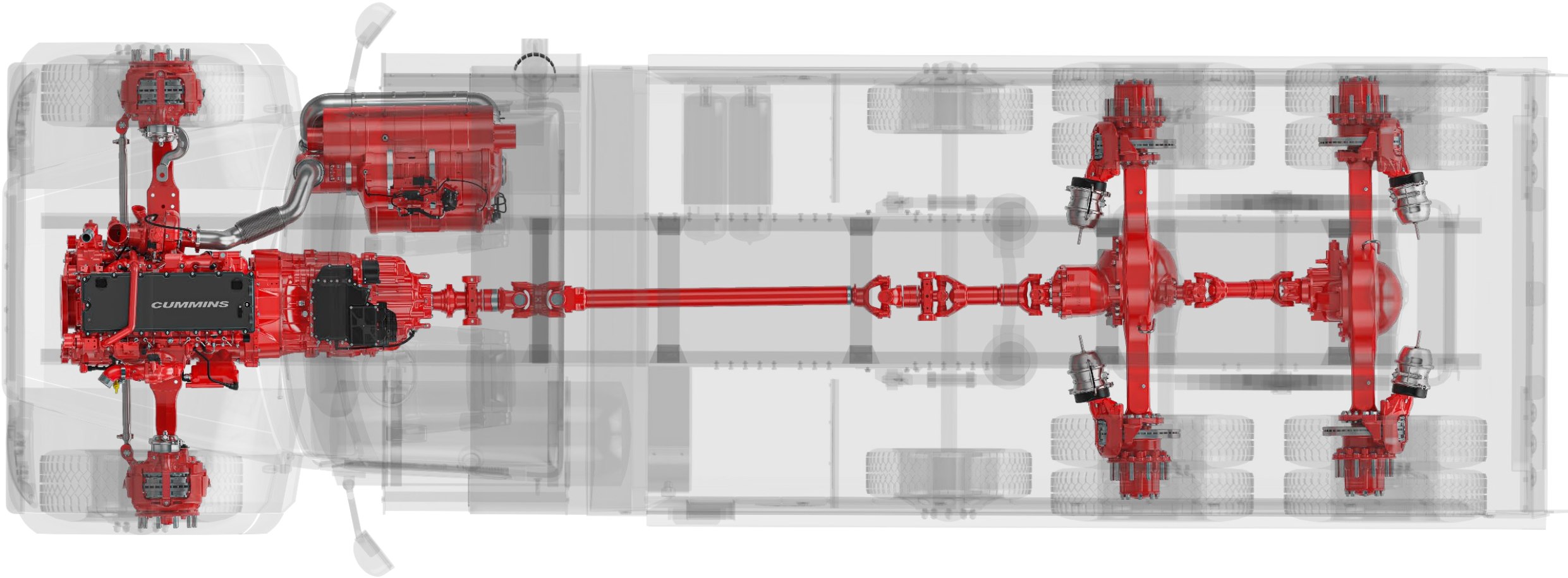
Power: 

Split-Shaft PTO

- Invasive, high-power option.
- Inform dealer at time of order.

Power:    

Know Your Space Claim



- PTO location and component mounting is ever changing.
- Understand when new chassis or powertrain will impact your components

PTO Selection

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Know Your Application

- **What is the application?**

Dump Trailer, Low Boy, Refuse Roll Off, etc. this will determine the series of pump to be used.

- **What is the desired flow requirement or Cubic Inch Displacement of the pump?**

CID X RPM ÷ 231 = GPM - Most customers are likely to know the GPM of the pump rather than CID of the pump they need.

- **How will the pump be driven?**

By a PTO, Crank of the Engine, Belt Driven – This will determine the Pump shaft and front cover needed on the pump.

- **What rotation do you need the pump to be?**

CCW (Left Hand) or **CW** (Right Hand) **BI** (Bi-Rotational) Pump rotation will be determined by what's driving it.

- **What is the pressure requirements of the hydraulic system?**

Always check your pumps performance specifications to make sure the pump can operate at the required system pressure.

Note: Always compare the pump input Horsepower Requirements to the PTO horsepower capability

$$\text{HP} = \text{GPM} \times \text{PSI} \div 1714$$

Power Take Off Selection (PTO)

- **PTO selection will be based off Transmission make and model and location on transmission PTO is to be mounted.**

Manual, Automated or Automatic Transmission, mounting on the bottom, right or left side openings or rear of the transmission.

- **Speed, Horsepower and Torque Requirements are Key when picking the proper PTO**

Speed or PTO % = Equipment Input Speed ÷ Engine Speed x 100

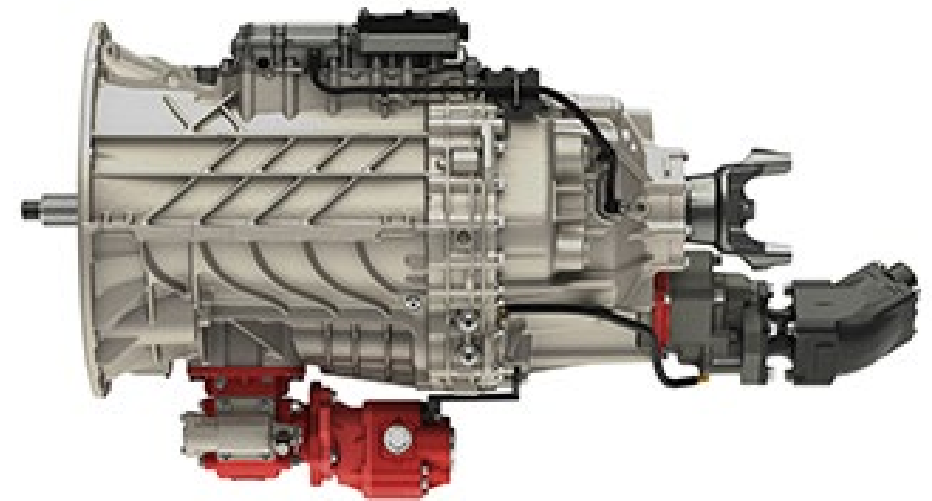
Example: Pump needs to turn 1000 rpm to get to 20 GPM @2500 psi, and the customer wants to run his truck at 800 RPM when using the system

1000 Pump RPM ÷ 800 Engine RPM x 100 = 125% PTO to run his system

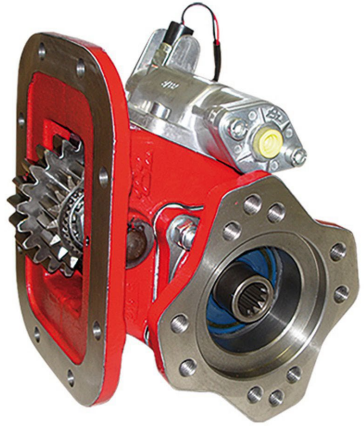
20 GPM X 2500 PSI ÷ 1714 = 29 HP

Torque = 29HP X 5252 ÷ 1000 Pump RPM = 152.3 lbs. ft. (Input RPM and not engine RPM)

Note: Refer to PTO Data sheet or Application Guide to verify if torque is within Spec.



Mechanical PTO's



Overview

- **Top Brands:** Eaton/Bezares, Muncie, Parker/Chelsea
- **Engagement Types:** Lever, Cable, Electric-over-Air, Air
- **Torque Capacity:** Up to **500+ lbs-ft**

Key Features

- Multiple **output options** and **gear ratios**
- Compatible with **light-duty** and **heavy-duty** applications
- Durable and reliable for **vocational truck operations**

Common Applications

- Tow & Recovery
- End Dump & Dump Trucks
- Cranes
- Product Pumping Systems

Key Benefits

- Simple mechanical design
- Cost-effective and robust
- Ideal for consistent, high-torque tasks

Clutch Engaged PTO's (Hot Shift)

🔧 **Transmission Compatibility:** Automatic & Manual

💨 **Actuation Methods:** Hydraulic or Pneumatic

📊 **Torque Capacity:** Up to 500+ lbs-ft

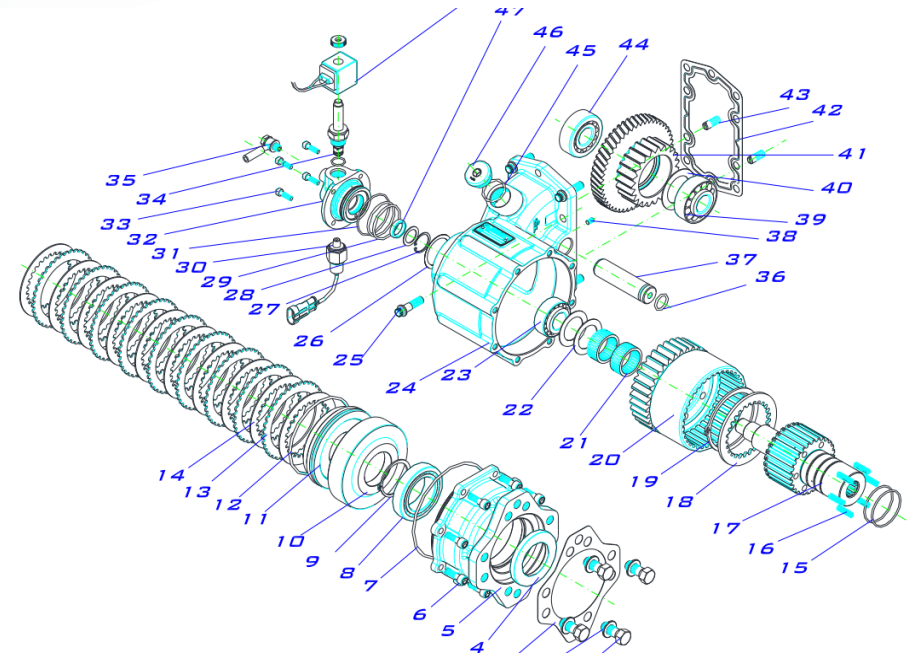
🔄 **Output Options:** Multiple outputs and gear ratios

🧠 **Soft Start:** Available for smoother engagement –
Reduces shock load to the system upon engagement

🚚 **Applications:** Refuse, Snow & Ice, Tag Axle, Wet Kits,
Blower/Vac, Dump Trucks, Tow & Recovery, Emergency
Vehicles, Ground Support

✅ **Key Benefits**

- Smooth engagement under load
- Ideal for high-torque, high-duty-cycle operations
- Versatile across multiple vocational applications



Do you need a hot shift PTO?

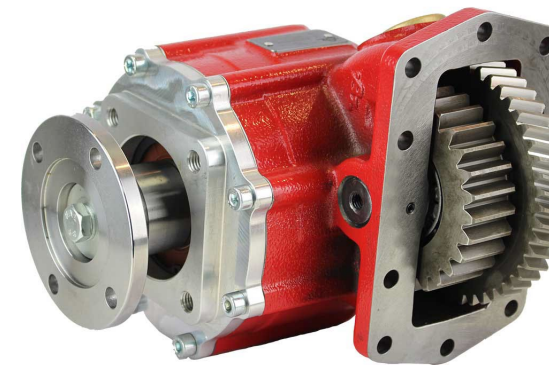
Claim	Answer
"It's designed to be foolproof—drivers can't easily damage it."	No longer need a hot shift, software will prevent drivers grinding a PTO.
"We need to engage it from outside the cab."	No longer need a hot shift, software and wiring can provide a no-cab solution.
"I need to turn the PTO <u>on</u> without stopping."	Still needs a hot shift
"I need to turn the PTO <u>off</u> without stopping."	Not needed, conventional PTOs will disengage with a torque interruption.
"I need to disconnect the PTO while it is under load."	Still Needs a hot shift to avoid torque lock



Constant Mesh PTO's

✓ **Benefits of Constant Mesh PTOs**

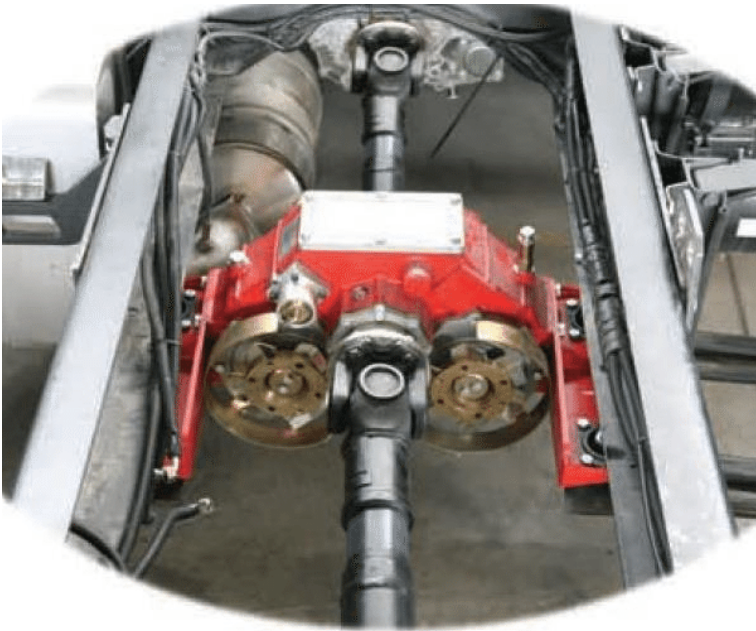
- **Immediate Power Availability:** Always live, no need to engage/disengage.
- **Versatility:** Suitable for a wide range of vocational applications.
- **Durability:** Designed for continuous-duty cycles.
- **Simplified Operation:** Reduces complexity in control systems.
- **High Torque Handling:** Supports demanding equipment loads.



Typical Applications:

- Yard Trucks
- Refuse
- Snow & Ice
- Concrete Mixers
- Fire and Rescue
- Oil and Gas

Split Shaft PTO's



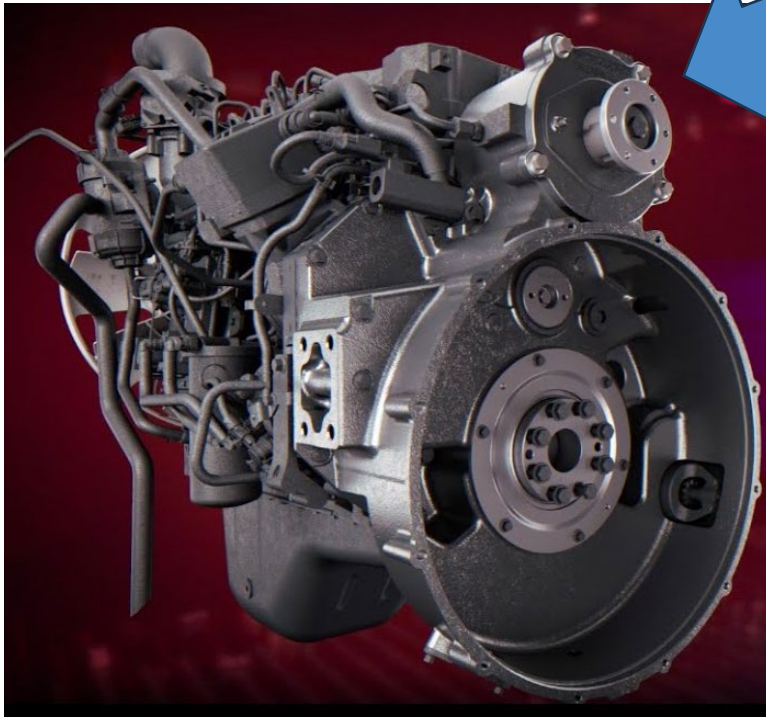
-  **Installation:** Mounted between transmission and rear axle
-  **Engagement:** Requires vehicle to be stationary
-  **Torque Capacity:** High torque output for demanding applications
-  **Drive Options:** Can drive front and rear auxiliary equipment
-  **Applications:**
 - Fire Trucks
 - Vacuum Trucks
 - Sewer Cleaners
 - Mobile Drilling Rigs
 - Specialty Vocational Vehicles

✓ **Key Benefits**

- Enables high-power auxiliary systems
- Ideal for stationary operations
- Maximizes vehicle versatility

Engine PTO REPTO / FEPTO

Engine Power Take Off (REPTO/FEPTO)



-  **Engine Power Take-Off (REPTO/FEPTO)**
- **Definition:**
A **REPTO/FEPTO** is a power take-off system mounted at the **rear or front of the engine**, Taking power from the Crank of the engine .
- **Key Characteristics:**
- **Direct drive** from the engine crankshaft.
- Often used when **continuous power** is needed while the vehicle is stationary or moving.
- Common in **fire trucks, refuse vehicles, and vacuum/blower trucks.**
- **Advantages:**
- High torque capacity.
- Can operate independently of transmission engagement.
- Ideal for **stationary hydraulic operations.**

Driver Interface

<i>Actuation Method</i>	<i>Features</i>	<i>Benefits</i>
<i>Pneumatic</i>	Uses air pressure to engage/disengage PTO	Reliable in cold environments, good for high-torque applications
<i>Electric</i>	Solenoid or motor-driven engagement	Quick response, easy integration with vehicle electronics
<i>Cable</i>	Manual cable linkage from cab to PTO	Simple, low-cost, minimal maintenance
<i>Lever</i>	Direct mechanical linkage	Very reliable, no power source needed
<i>Constant Mesh</i>	Always engaged with transmission gear	Instant power availability, ideal for continuous-duty applications

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